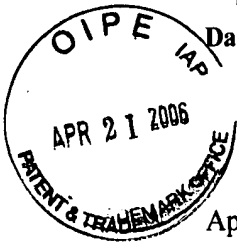


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a two-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated November 21, 2005. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before April 21, 2006.

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